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DLNR ANNOUNCES FERAL GOAT CONTROL PERMITS AVAILABLE FOR HUNTING UNIT F ON KAUA 'I

LIHU'E, KAUA'I -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) announces an opportunity for interested individuals to assist the Division of Forestry and Wildlife in an animal control of feral goats in **Hunting Unit F** on Kaua'i.

The animal control was approved by the Kaua'i Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee on March 5, 2009, pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting," §13-123-9, "Nuisance or crop damage."

Animal control is being limited to archery and muzzleloader due to safety concerns. Interested individuals will need to show a valid hunting license and will be required to sign an animal control permit. Animal control permits will be available at the L Thu'e Division of Forestry and Wildlife office at 3060 'Eiwa St. Rm. 306 LThu'e, HI 96766

Archery Only Period

Public archery only participation in the control of feral goats will proceed from July 4, 2009 through November 29, 2009 on weekends and State holidays. The limit will be 2 feral goats (either sex) per hunter per day. Animals may be de-boned in the field. Blaze orange will not be required for the archery only season. The ongoing pig hunting season will continue as scheduled.

Muzzleloader Period

Public hunters' participation in the muzzleloader control of feral goats will proceed from December 5, 2009 through December 27, 2009 on weekends and State holidays. The limit will be 2 feral goats (either sex) per hunter per day. Animals may be de-boned in the field. A blaze-orange vest, shirt or jacket is also required in the field. The ongoing pig hunting season will continue as scheduled.

Limits are set to maximize public opportunities to participate in this control action. There is no limit on the number of times a person can participate. Hunter access to Unit F is permitted through Waimea Valley. Volunteers will be required to check in and out at the Waimea Valley, Waimea Heights, Mango tree, or Koke'e hunter check stations.

Camping permits are required for over night hunting trips into Waimea Canyon and are available at the Līhu'e Forestry and Wildlife Office during normal working hours. Hunters who wish to camp at Polihale Beach or Koke'e State Park must obtain their camping permits from the State Parks office on their island.

Additional information may be obtained by stopping by any Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office or calling any of the following telephone numbers:

Kaua'i 274-3433 O'ahu 587-0166 Kamuela 887-6063 Maui 984-8100 Moloka'i 553-4515 Lana'i 565- 7916 Hilo 974-4221

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